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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1, 10-13, drawn to a bearing, classified in Class 384, subclass 121.

Group II: Claims 14-18, drawn to a process of making a bearing, classified in Class 29, subclass 898+.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make an other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process, for example, a process wherein the overlay is dipped in molten metal.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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